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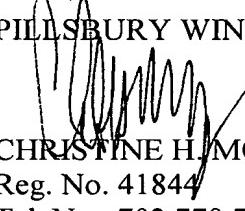
By this Amendment, claims 1 and 19-21 are amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 15 and claim 16 is amended to correct its dependency as a result of the cancellation of claim 15. Thus, claims 1-14 and 16-23 are pending.

Applicants submit that these claim amendments are now submitted in response to an explanation of the prior art rejections provided in the Final Rejection. Further, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Therefore, Applicants look forward to receiving a Notice of Allowance, indicating the allowability of the pending claims. However, if anything is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone Applicants' undersigned representative.

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